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Dear Mr. Read:

The attached application for patent term extension of U.S. Patent No. 5,444,106 was filed on June 4, 2001, under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

The assistance of your Office is requested in confirming that the product identified in the application, CeeOn™ Edge Foldable Ultraviolet Light-Absorbing Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens - Model 911A, has been subject to a regulatory review period within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 156(g) before its first commercial marketing or use and that the application for patent term extension was filed within the sixty-day period after the product was approved. Since a determination has not been made whether the patent in question claims a product which has been subject to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, this communication is NOT to be considered as notice which may be made in the future pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A).

Our review of the application to date indicates that the subject patent would be eligible for extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

Applicant was unable to locate a maintenance fee statement. A copy of the statement is enclosed, and need not be filed by applicant since a copy will be placed in the file herewith. Maintenance fee statements and other information may be obtained on the USPTO home page, as shown on the attached sheets and by going to: <https://ramps.uspto.gov/psv23/mf.jsp?clearform.x=c>.

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Enclosure - FDA: application for patent term extension and Maintenance Fee papers

Applicant: Maintenance Fee papers